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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Hugh S. Keeping  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/507,239 EXAMINER: J. Kerr  
FILING DATE: February 18, 2000 ART UNIT: 1633  
FOR: TREATMENT FOR BONE DISORDERS

November 25, 2002  
Boston, Massachusetts

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

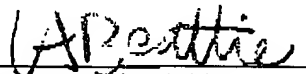
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the May 24, 2002, Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the Response is due on or before November 25, 2002. A check in the amount of \$460.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

No additional fees are believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 21486-028).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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